

HOUSE RESOLUTION 99  
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A RESOLUTION to congratulate and honor Coach Rex Rhodes and the 2002 TSSAA Football Class AA State Tournament Semifinalists, Sweetwater High School.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor and commend those successful high school teams that, through their magnificent exploits, bring honor to the State of Tennessee and serve as exceptional ambassadors of this State; and

WHEREAS, the Sweetwater High School Wildcats achieved an extraordinary level of success during the 2002 season, establishing a record of 13-1 and winning the Region 2 Championship; and

WHEREAS, the Wildcats went 10-0 in their regular season games and advanced all the way to the Class AA Semifinals in the State Tournament, but unfortunately, time expired before they could achieve victory in that game; and

WHEREAS, during their powerful 2002 season, many of the players earned individual honors: in Region 2 play, Coach Rex Rhodes was named Region Coach of the Year, Dustin Latham was named Offensive MVP and David Brown was named Defensive MVP; other players

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recognized in the Regional Playoffs were Calvin Bradley, Brandon Moses, Aaron Westfield, Nate Beaumia, Cory Moser, Jeremiah Parris, Jedi Phillips, and David Stevens; and

WHEREAS, there were also several All-County honors: Coach Rhodes was the All-County Coach of the Year, Dustin Latham was named MVP, and Aaron Westfield, Calvin Bradley, Chris Martinez, Jeremiah Parris, Jedi Phillips, Cory Moser, David Brown, Jewel Burton, Nate Beaumia, David Stevens, Josh Stovall, and Brandon Moses were also honored; and

WHEREAS, continuing this trend in the All-East Tennessee Awards, Coach Rhodes was named Coach of the Year for Class AA in East Tennessee, Dustin Latham was named the All-East Tennessee Football MVP, and Jeremiah Parris, Aaron Westfield, Calvin Bradley, David Brown, and Brandon Moses were also given All-East Tennessee honors; and

WHEREAS, garnering high honors, Dustin Latham and Calvin Bradley were both named to the Tennessee Sportswriters' All-State team; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Rex Rhodes and Assistant Coaches Mike Martin, David Staff, Larry Arwood, Greg Allen, Eric Weaver, Rodney Boruff, Shane Oggs, and Bill Dupes laid the groundwork for the remarkable season by sharing their substantial knowledge of football with the young men on the team; and

WHEREAS, the football players at Sweetwater High School epitomize all that is good in today's student-athlete, as they have achieved the highest level of success on the gridiron while showing the highest degree of character both on and off the field; they inspired the Sweetwater student body and united their entire community in completing their dominant run through the 2002 season; and

WHEREAS, the dedication, determination, work ethic, and talent of this group of young men not only made possible an extraordinary football season, but also surely bode well for their success in every future endeavor; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud the Sweetwater Wildcats for winning the 2002 TSSAA Football Class AA Region 2 Championship and for serving as examples of the high quality of the youth of Tennessee; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we do hereby honor and congratulate Head Coach Rex Rhodes and the Sweetwater High School Wildcats on their remarkable 2002 season and numerous individual honors. In becoming TSSAA Class AA Region 2 champions, the Wildcats have proven themselves exemplary and capable young men who are worthy of this General Assembly's accolades.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.